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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: MANGANESE ORE--MEETING OF EXPERTS,
OCT. 14-17, 1974

REF: (A) GENEVA 6144, (B) GENEVA A-298, SEPT. 13, 1974

1. USG WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT UNCTAD SECRETARIAT
WOULD CONSULT EXPERTS INDIVIDUALLY, PERHAPS THROUGH
CORRESPONDENCE, RATHER THAN SCHEDULING ANOTHER MEETING.
HOWEVER, SINCE MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES INVITED TO NOMINATE
EXPERTS APPARENTLY PLAN TO PARTICIPATE, USG HAS DECIDED
NOMINATE HENRY S. BASHKIN, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL
COMMODITIES DIVISION, DEPT. OF COMMERCE, TO ATTEND.
BASHKIN WAS MEMBER U.S. DEL TO APRIL 1974 UNCTAD
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS ON MANGANESE ORE.

2. IN INFORMING UNCTAD OF U.S. NOMINEE, MISSION SHOULD
ALSO CONVEY FOLLOWING VIEWS TO UNCTAD SECRETARIAT:
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(A) USG IN NO SENSE CONSIDERS FORTHCOMING MEETING OF EXPERTS TO BE A SECOND PHASE OR CONTINUATION OF APRIL 1974 INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS ON MANGANESE ORE, WHICH USG CONSIDERS TO HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED WITH APRIL MEETING.

(B) USG FURTHER CONSIDERS FORTHCOMING MEETING NOT RPT NOT AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING, BUT RATHER A CONVENIENT MEANS FOR UNCTAD SECRETARIAT TO CONSULT WITH EXPERTS. IN CONSULTING WITH FOREIGN EXPERTS IN ORDER TO PREPARE ITS

REPORT UNCTAD SECRETARIAT HAD OPTION OF SENDING SECRETARIAT MEMBER TO NUMBER OF COUNTRIES TO CONSULT INDIVIDUALLY WITH EXPERTS; TO CONSULT BY MAIL; BY TELEPHONE; OR BY INVITING FOREIGN EXPERTS TO GENEVA FOR A GROUP CONSULTATION. IT CHOSE LATTER. FACT THAT FOREIGN GOVERNMENT EXPERTS BEING CONSULTED AS A GROUP DOES NOT, USG BELIEVES, CREATE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING.

(C) USG ALSO STRONGLY BELIEVES IT NOT RPT NOT FUNCTION OF FORTHCOMING MEETING TO PREPARE MANGANESE ORE REPORT MENTIONED IN FINAL REPORT OF APRIL CONSULTATIONS AND IN UNCTAD SECGEN'S INVITATION TO MEETING OF EXPERTS. THIS RESPONSIBILITY LIES WITH UNCTAD SECRETARIAT, NOT WITH FORTHCOMING EXPERTS' MEETING (ALTHOUGH UNCTAD OF COURSE FREE TO CONSULT WITH EXPERTS CONCERNING ITS REPORT, AS PER FINAL REPORT OF APRIL 1974 CONSULTATIONS).

3. MISSION SHOULD ALSO INFORM UNCTAD SECRETARIAT THAT USG HAS JUST RECEIVED "SEPARATE COMMUNICATION TO GOVERNMENTS" REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FACTUAL INFORMATION, REFERRED TO IN FIRST PARA PAGE TWO OF UNCTAD SECGEN'S INVITATION TRANSMITTED IN REF (B). GIVEN TIMING OF PROPOSED EXPERTS' MEETING, USG DOUBTS IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE REQUESTED INFORMATION IN TIME FOR MEETING. KISSINGER

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